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INFILTRATION TRAIL
NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS

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THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS PORTIONS OF TRAIL SYSTEM EXTENDING FROM NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103, 1653N 10634E, CROSSING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE INTO LAOS AT 1653N 10633E AND JOINING LAOS ROUTE 9 JUST NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SEPONE, LAOS, 1641N 10614E.

1. TROYAN HORSE REVEALS AN INFILTRATION TRAIL, FOUR AREAS OF WHICH ARE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TRAIL IS OBSERVED AT 1659N 10639E, THE TERMINUS OF NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103.

NINETEEN PERSONNEL ARE NOTED AT 1654N 10634E ON A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING FOOT TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TCHEPONE, NORTH VIETNAM (1653N 10634E)

TWO BRIDGES ARE OBSERVED ON AN IMPROVED TRAIL AT 1651N 10617E.

THE TRAIL SYSTEM FROM NORTH VIETNAM IS NOTED JOINING LAOTIAN ROUTE 9 JUST NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SEPONE, LAOS.

2. THE TOTAL TRAIL SYSTEM FROM NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103, (1659N 10638E) TO ROUTE 9 IN LAOS (1641N 10615E) IS NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC. THIS SYSTEM EXTENDS FROM THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF ROUTE 103 TO BAN TCHEPONE, NORTH VIETNAM, WEST TO 1651N 10616E ON THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER), AND THEN GENERALLY SOUTH TO ROUTE 9 NEAR SEPONE, LAOS. EVIDENCE OF HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF ROUTE 103, A POSSIBLE STAGING AREA CONTAINING VEHICLE TRACKS AND SCARRING UNDER HEAVY TREE CANOPY AT THE

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SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF ROUTE 103, AND FOUR PROBABLE BICYCLES MOVING SOUTH ON ROUTE 103 EAST-SOUTHEAST OF VIT THU LU AT 1703N 10640E ARE NOTED (NONE OF WHICH ARE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

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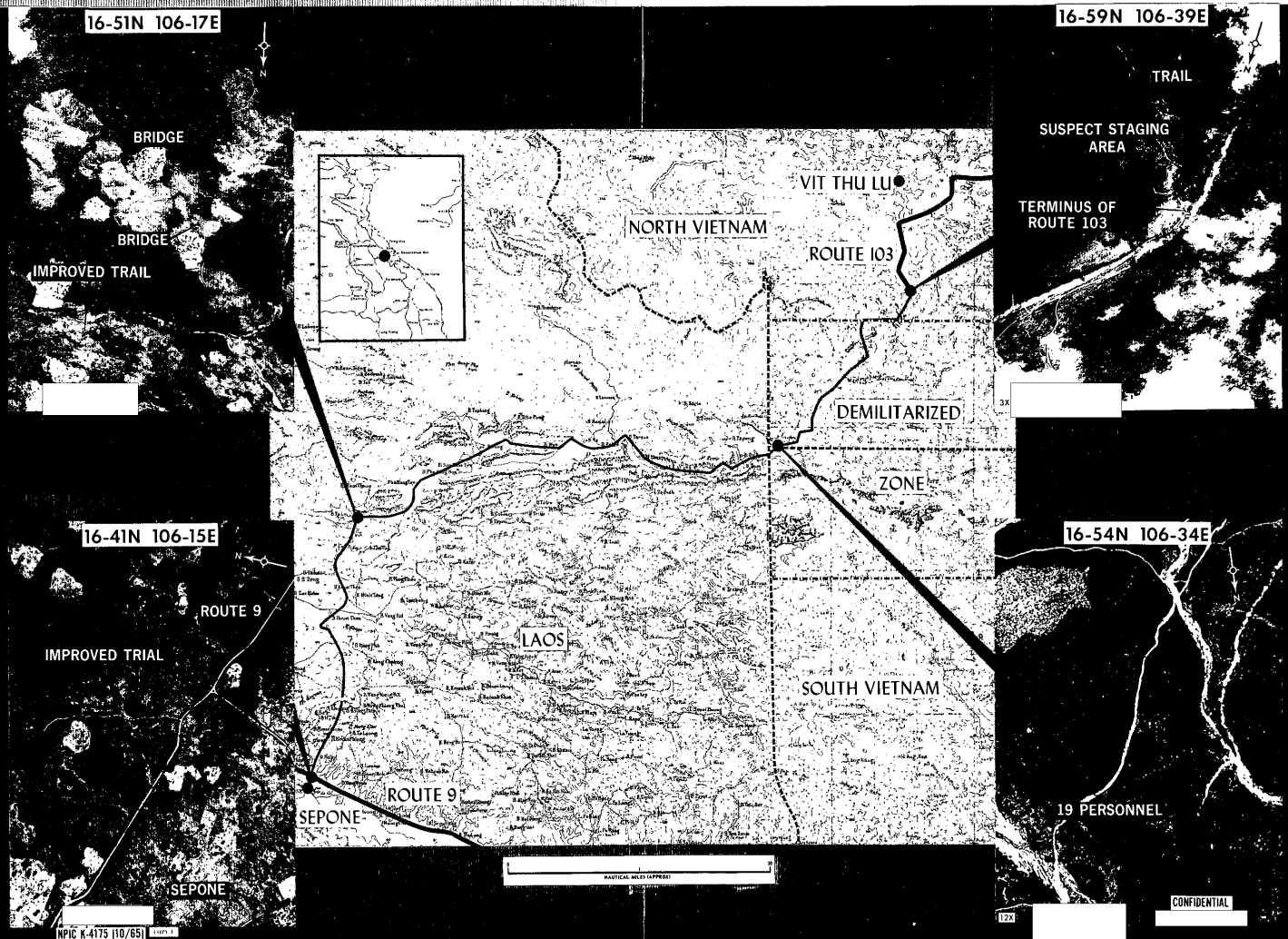
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